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As far as is known to the undersigned, this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, and therefore, the IDS is properly submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). In the event, however, that an Office Action has crossed in the mail with this IDS, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1135 for the fee required pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) so that the IDS is properly submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2). A duplicate copy of this statement is enclosed.

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 to inform the Patent Office of all references known by Applicants or Applicants' representative that may be material to the examination of the subject application, Applicants' representative hereby provides this Information Disclosure Statement prepared in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98 and includes Form PTO-1449.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the listed references and that they be made of record in the file history of the above-captioned application.

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